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SUBJECT: NEW VICE GOVERNOR APPOINTED AT BELGIAN NATIONAL BANK

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1. RELIABLE PRESS SOURCES REPORT THAT THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF MARCEL D'HAEZE AS THE NEW VICE GOVERNOR OF THE BELGIAN NATIONAL BANK. (THE POSITION BECAME VACANT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHEN FORMER VICE GOVERNOR DESTRYCKER BECAME GOVERNOR.) D'HAEZE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE BELGIAN TREASURY SINCE 1963 AND HAS BECOME WELL KNOWN TO AMERICAN DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MEETINGS OVER THE PAST DECADE.

2. MARCEL D'HAEZE WAS BORN IN 1915 INTO A DUTCH SPEAKING FAMILY ALTHOUGH HE NOW ALSO SPEAKS FLUENT FRENCH AND ENGLISH. LONG ASSOCIATED WITH THE FLEMISH CATHOLIC PARTY OF BELGIUM, HE HAS BEEN AN INSPECTOR OF FINANCE SINCE 1946. HE HAS TWICE SERVED IN THE PERSONAL CABINETS OF FINANCE MINISTERS.

3. D'HAEZE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND OPEN WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS IN BRUSSELS FOR AT LEAST THE PAST 2 1/2
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